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# Kristy Kelley retires from KDOT

Kristy Kelley is retiring from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) following 24 years of service to the agency.

Kelley, who previously worked at the Lyon County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Highway Patrol, began her career at KDOT in 1998 as a Senior Administrative Assistant at the Southeast District Office in Chanute. In 2007 she was promoted to the post of Community Affairs Manager, serving as an assistant to the District Engineer and coordinating outreach efforts to cities and counties in the district.

"I never intended to stay so long at KDOT, said Kelley, "but they were good to me, and I made some lifetime friends who taught me a lot of life lessons. The one that sticks in my mind is 'Bloom where you are planted.'"

Her retirement plans include gardening and spending time with her grandchildren and family. She has a son and four granddaughters who live in Wichita.

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